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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

A METHOD OF TREATING PORTAL HYPERTENSION

Without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract

29 pages of specification and claims (including 7 numbered claims), and

5 sheets of accompanying drawing/s and 3 sheets of Tables..

☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____

☒ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/189,088, filed March 14, 2000, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ This application is a ☒ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/805,440, filed March 14, 2001, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☒ The prior application is assigned to DUKE UNIVERSITY.

☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☐ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or

Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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☐ See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!!

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